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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action bearing a mailing date of October 3, 2003, hereinafter "the Office Action", Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

A Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months is enclosed that makes the present response due on or before Monday, April 5, 2003.

Amendments to the claims begins on Page 2; and Remarks begin on Page 8.